

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

Aut Locumiam etiam, aut faciam.

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## GOOD RESULT

### From Shot in Oil Well Number 2.

### No Longer Any Doubt About the New Well on Three Mile Being a Payer.

Just after the NEWS went to press with the last issue the oil well drilled in a few days before on Three Mile was shot with a heavy charge of nitro-glycerine. 120 quarts were used and the shot was a most satisfactory one to the owners of the well. The production of oil and gas was considerably increased, but the extent of it will not be known until after the well shall have been pumped for some time. The pumping outfit was delayed in shipment, but will be out to work as soon as possible.

Enough is known, however, to justify the statement that this well will be a paying producer and a better well than the first one. The quality of oil is the very best that comes from the Berea grit, and there is no better.

Well No. 1 is again being pumped and the results are reported to be up to the expectations of the owners.

The rig for well No. 3 is now practically completed and the machinery is on the ground. Drilling will begin at once, and it is expected that the well will be completed within thirty days unless unavoidable delays occur. This location is on the south end of Wm. O'Brien's tract of land.

Well No. 4 will be started very soon by the Pennsylvania associates of Mr. A. C. Smith, who first came into the field.

Messrs. Strong, Hunter, Henderson, Atkinson, Woods and Vashinder, of Brooksville, Pa., are here looking after the development. Also, Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, Penn., has been here for some time.

A considerable number of leases have changed hands within the past few weeks. Most of these transfers, however, have been on the west side of the Levisa fork of the river.

### Painful Accident.

An accident which lacked but little of resulting fatally occurred at the Salspeter dam on Thursday last. Thomas Vincent, an employee, while at work was struck by a huge bucket of cement as it was swung by a derrick, and was violently thrown against one of the big pumps.

He was placed in a boat and brought to Louisa where he was attended to by Dr. Wroten, the contract company's surgeon. The young man was carried to the home of Tom Wilson and was properly cared for until next day, when he was sent to his home on Mill Creek, four or five miles from Fort Gay. He suffered severely from pain and shock, but no bones were broken.

### Teachers Money for Christmas.

We are informed by a Frankfort exchange that school teachers will receive their holiday money soon. The following will be read with interest by our county teachers:

"School teachers in Kentucky do not have their Christmas money and will have it if I can see to it always," said Capt. Ed Farley, State Treasurer. The salaries of teachers which is to be their Christmas money will be sent out this month in time for the teachers to spend it for Christmas presents. The money is not due until December 15th and at that time the teachers will find their checks honored by the State. To the county school teachers will be paid \$516,000 and to the city school teachers \$205,000."

### Real Estate Transfers.

Jonas Thompson has purchased from "Sand Branch" Jim Carter the house and lot adjoining the property of Dan Blankenship on the north. It is said the price paid was \$850.

## New Bridge to be Built.

Indications are that Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio in the not distant future will be connected by a bridge which will span the Big Sandy and Ohio rivers, perhaps one hundred feet above the converging point of the two streams. Capitalists were in Catlettsburg this week "sizing up" the situation and viewing a probable location for such a structure. And one of them said that in all probability a bridge costing in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars would be built.

It is proposed to connect the three points with a bridge, one end on Kentucky soil, the other on the Buckeye shore, with a middle pier and approach resting on "Virginia Point," the sharp point of West Virginia that juts down between the two rivers. The gentleman speaking of the proposition stated that he knew where 51 per cent of the stock could be placed with non-resident capitalists and felt sure the remainder would be readily taken by local people.

### Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

In his estimates sent to Congress Secretary MacVeagh asks for these appropriations for the next fiscal year: For completing improvement at dam No. 1, Tug fork, and dam No. 1, Levisa fork, Big Sandy river, \$25,000.

It will be seen from this paragraph that the Government does not intend to spend much money on the Big Sandy and its forks this year. The completion of the work at Salspeter and Chapman means the discontinuance of the disbursements which so materially aided the laboring men of this section.

## SUITS COMPROMISED.

### Two Claims Settled by Contractors on Dam No. 1, Levisa Fork.

Two damage claims against James Skene & Sons for injuries received by men employed on their work at Chapman, this county, have been settled by compromise.

The larger claim, that of the administrator of John Sammons, was settled for \$2000. It will be remembered that the man died as a result of a blow received while working with a pile driver.

The other claim was that of Wm. Shannon, who sustained a broken leg while employed on the work. He receives \$250 besides attorney fees. The contracting firm was insured against damages and the losses are borne by the surety company.

### "Ye Olden Time" Concert.

Miss Hattie Milton Jones gave an enjoyable entertainment, styled as above, at the court house on Monday evening. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music rendered by several well known amateurs from this city and Fort Gay, the various numbers being interspersed with recitations by Miss Jones.

Miss Jones is a talented lady, and her efforts to please the public deserve recognition and appreciation by the public.

### The City Council.

Council met in regular session, the last for 1909, last Tuesday evening. All were present except Dr. Bromley. Besides the routine and the payment of various claims, including the salaries of city officers, not much was done. W. W. Millard was appointed deputy Marshal, and he is now on duty.

### Twelve Days.

Only twelve more shopping days is the tale every counter goods displays by the hale. But they're being purchased fast by the throng, and will certainly not last very long. Only twelve more shopping days is the tale ere a lot of empty trays and the sale. Count them—only 12—no more intervene, ere the shopping rush is o'er. Don't be mean.

### Brought Back the Guns.

The two pistols stolen from the Louisa Furniture Co. some time ago have been returned.

## Must Have It Bad.

Golden White, at one time—"erstwhile"—editor of the Pikeville Herald, is, as will be seen from the following from the Ashland Independent, not only "erstwhile" but "migratory." Perhaps he couldn't help it, and it is hardly fair to throw it up to him. We don't exactly know where he has gone, but from the zoological terms used by his historian Golden has started for Africa. If he can't bag a whangdoodle all by himself the late unlamented Big Stick might help him. Hear the Independent:

"Golden White, the erstwhile but migratory editor of the Pikeville Herald, is gone 'where the lion roareth and the whangdoodle mourneth,' and where the hog-back gruntheth not; and while he leaves a few behind him who mourn his departure, we hope he may prosper in his new abode wherever that may be. We hope he may grow famous as a welder of the quill, however, circumstances to the contrary notwithstanding, since his staff of writers are left behind. 'Tis to be hoped that some one will continue the publication of a town paper."

### Took Chloroform and Died.

Mrs. John Workman died at her home in Ceredo, W. Va., Thursday morning after a long and lingering illness. She had been afflicted with insomnia and could not sleep, and on Thursday morning the doctors administered chloroform, from the effects of which she never recovered.

Mrs. Workman was a highly respected woman and has many relatives in Wayne county, who will regret to learn of her untimely death. She is survived by her husband and two sons. The funeral was held from the family residence in Ceredo, after which the remains were taken to Catlettsburg for interment.

### The Rev. Dr. Williamson

The Rev. Dr. C. H. Williamson, Chester, Jr., Miss Caroline and Charles Williamson arrived at the home of R. T. Burns on Wednesday. All the family except Rowland are now here. He is taking a special course at Beloit College.

The NEWS is glad to announce that Dr. Williamson will preach at the Southern Methodist Church next Sunday morning. The ability of the preacher is too well known in this community to require notice from this paper. We will say for the benefit of those who have not heard Dr. Williamson that if they intend to hear him next Sunday a fine treat is awaiting them.

### All From Big Sandy.

The State Board of Examiners of Mine Foremen has issued certificates to eight men, as the result of the examination held last week. The State law requires all mine foremen to have such certificates. The successful applicants were E. A. Bertrand, Mossy Bottom, Pike county; Fred V. Brown, Breathitt county; John J. Crawford, Frank Mosler and Ernest Layman, Johnson county; John Marshall and John B. Dain, Floyd county. One other certificate will be issued to John Hughton upon the filing of the proper affidavit. This makes a total of 393 licensed mine foremen in Kentucky.

### The Daniels Have Surrendered.

On Monday morning of last week old man Charlie Daniels and Jim surrendered to deputy sheriff Sanders of Pike county, and were taken by him to Pikeville. Jim Daniels is in very bad condition owing to his wound, and it is not known whether he will survive or not.

The remainder of the Daniels boys for whom there were warrants in West Virginia, surrendered on the same day. Their trial was held Tuesday afternoon but nothing was proven.

### Called Session of Fiscal Court.

The Lawrence County Fiscal Court will hold a special term beginning on Thursday, December 16, for the purpose of making a final settlement with Sheriff Stone. It will probably not be a very difficult matter. He has kept things in splendid shape.

## NEARLY DONE

### Are the Two New Dams in River Near Louisa.

### Work at Salspeter and Chapman Will Soon be Finished and Ready For Use.

The dams at Salspeter and Chapman are rapidly nearing completion. Many of the laborers employed have been discharged, and in a few more days, if the present fine weather holds the work at both places will be ready for inspection and reception by the government. The contractors, the Ohio River Contract Co., at Salspeter, and James Skene & Sons, at Chapman, have had phenomenal weather during almost the entire season, and they have not been idle. Every hour that could possibly be employed was utilized. The result is two magnificent dams, built according to the most approved plans and in the best possible manner. Uncle Sam does not tolerate inferior work, and the work done on Tug and Levisa forks, as well as that done on the main river, has been done honestly and well.

If the Chief of Engineers follows the course for the Big Sandy which he has indicated for the Kentucky river, it will perhaps be a long time before this river secures another appropriation. He says that after the completion of lock 13 on the Kentucky he will not advise the building of any further locks and dams on that stream. The main business of that stream is the transportation of logs, and perhaps he would say the same of the Big Sandy.

The completion of the dam at Chapman will cause this community to lose several very nice people. The dam was built by the contracting firm of James Skene & Sons, and these will go to other points. The NEWS is informed that Mr. and Mrs. Skene and daughter, Miss Ellen, will go to Chicago, probably next week, and will remain there some time. It is possible that they will move to Huntington. They are popular people and will be much missed in social circles.

It is said that Frank Skene will leave the firm at the close of the season. He and his family will go to St. Louis. Mr. A. I. Skene and family will spend the winter in New Orleans and Mexico. George Skene and wife, who was Miss Nellie Bromley, will probably winter here.

### Painfully Hurt.

Charles Abbott and wife and her sister, Miss Emma Goble, who were recent visitors to Louisa relatives, have returned to Fayetteville, W. Va. While here Miss Emma sustained a painful and peculiar accident. She was roller skating in the yard of the Abbott residence and fell, the rings on one of her fingers catching in a nail. The finger was badly lacerated, and it required the aid of Mr. Morris, the jeweler at Conley's, to cut the rings from the hand.

### Commercial Department, K. N. C.

Sherid Spradlin has contracted with the Kentucky Normal College to take charge of the business courses. Bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting will be taught in this department. Mr. Spradlin is a competent teacher of several years experience. He was formerly a student at K. N. C. and is thoroughly interested in its success. He will come to Louisa in a short time and begin work.

### Never No More.

John Wellman has returned from a trip to Texas. His opinion of the country is voiced in a few words: If they let me alone, I'll not go back. His friends wait to hear from one Bill Jim.

Mrs. Gertrude Burke has moved into S. W. Bartram's new house on upper Jefferson street.

## Huntington Handle Company.

There is one industry in the city of Louisa which, in a quiet, unpretentious sort of way, is doing much for our people. We refer to the handle mill. Six days in the week its cheerful whistle tells our citizens that six industrious men are in and about the mill, busy as the proverbial bee, earning and promptly receiving that which goes for the support of themselves and their families, and every dollar they earn is spent right here among us. Ten hours each day the high-speed saws transform the hickory "bolts" into different lengths and thicknesses. These are stacked neatly in piles in the yard, and when a car load or more of these is ready it is shipped to Huntington to the factory in that city. There these various pieces are turned into the completed handle. Pretty nearly every tool with an "eye" is provided for: hammers of every description, axes, picks, hatchets, sledges—how many sorts one not familiar with the business can not say.

The Louisa mill occupies the ground and part of the old stove factory, and is ably managed by J. K. Whitten. Mr. Whitten is a hustler and a skilled and experienced hickory man. What he doesn't know about wood for handles wouldn't fill a very large book. The wood used here is drawn from the adjacent territory, and as one sees the "bolts" hauled through the streets day after day one asks himself what will handle makers do when the present hickory supply is exhausted. The question probably does not much concern the manufacturer of today, but the time is not very remote when the problem will be a very serious one.

## UNITED STATES COURT

### Will Convene at Catlettsburg on Next Monday.

On next Monday morning the United States District Court for the Eastern district of Kentucky, will convene here and will be presided over by Judge Cochran. The term is likely to be a brief one, there being, however, some cases of considerable importance to be tried.

The case which will attract the most attention will be that of the government against C. C. Fannin, which is docketed for trial at an early date during the term. The defendant in the case is charged with having overcharged a couple of applicants for pension with excessive fees, while acting in the capacity of a notary public, in securing their pensions. It is further alleged by the government that he further aided in establishing a couple of claims that are alleged to be fraudulent.

One of these cases is said to be that of Nancy Finley, in which the prosecution claims that Fannin furnished two affidavits which were afterwards found to be fraudulent. The affidavit indicated, it is said, that the first husband of the Finley woman was dead, when it is asserted that the witnesses did not know that he was dead; it not being known whether he is dead or living, as it is said that he left for parts unknown some time ago.

Another accusation is that the defendant pretended to find a couple of witnesses to prove that the first husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Muncy was dead, when it is said that special examiner Wayne Cordell asserts that he succeeded in finding the man, alleged to have died, in an asylum in West Virginia. The defendant is quite a prominent citizen of Martin county and has enjoyed a good reputation heretofore, hence the unusual importance which attaches to the case.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

### New Bank in Catlettsburg.

The Controller of the Currency has authorized the Kentucky National Bank of Catlettsburg, Ky., to begin business, with a capital of \$75,000. G. W. Gunnell is president; Charles Russell, vice president; Ernest Meek, cashier.

Prof. E. M. Kennison preached two good sermons Sunday to appreciative audiences at the M. E. Church South.

## Enormous Gas Well.

Word reached the city today from Branchland that in boring for oil at that place one of the greatest gamblers in the entire section of country had been brought in. The report stated that the well possessed a capacity of eleven million feet daily, and that was sufficient alone to supply the entire city of Cincinnati. Our informant did not know whether it was the property of the Dimick people or the Columbia company, but it is presumed that it belongs to the latter. Great excitement, it is said, has resulted from the strike and the operations in that section will no doubt be very active hereafter for a while. Branchland is a small town on the Guyan Valley branch of the C. & O. railroad about twenty miles south of Huntington, in Lincoln county.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

## Small Attendance at School.

In Kentucky there are fewer number of children of the legal school age in the schools of the State than there are children outside the schools. The number of children who do not attend any school at all is larger than the number of children in school. This rather startling bit of information is given quite casually in some of the statistics which are being prepared for the annual report of Prof. J. G. Crabbe, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This statement, showing that there are in average daily attendance in the schools of the State a total of 311,192 children, and the number of those not attending any school is 417,664, will be used during the coming session of the Legislature as an argument for better schools and school laws in Kentucky.

## Johnson Seeks Parole.

Charles Johnson, who was indicted in the Lawrence Circuit Court for the murder of James Boggs, and who obtained a change of venue to Morgan county where he was tried and convicted, seeks to obtain a parole. The following is his petition:

To whom it may concern: You are by this notified that the undersigned will make application to the parole board of the State of Kentucky at its regular meeting in December, 1909, for a parole of the imprisonment he is now serving in the Kentucky penitentiary for the killing of James Boggs, he having been convicted in the Morgan Circuit Court at the November term, 1908. Chas. Johnson. This Nov. 18, 1909.

## PLEASANT RIDGE.

Several boys from this place attended church at Morgan Sunday. The sick of this community are all better.

Miss Jennie Salters, of Yatesville, and Harvey Preece, of Deephole, passed through here Saturday.

The birthday party given at J. A. Hutchinson's last Friday night was largely attended.

Harrison Roberts and Jack Muncy, of Smoky Valley, passed through here Sunday.

Millard and Milt Bradley attended church at Catt Friday night.

Miss Louise Prince, of Osie, was here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Nelson visited J. N. Roberts and family, at Smoky Valley, Sunday.

Henry Drake, of Deephole, passed through here Saturday.

Allen Hutchinson visited school at Smoky Valley Friday.

Milt Wellman has returned from Auxier, where he has been at work.

Crit and Sol May were calling at Madge Saturday night.

Vanton Wellman purchased a fine mule recently.

Alton Burchett, of Smoky Valley, passed through here Sunday.

Mr. Alexander, our hustling dry goods salesman, was here last week.

A. D. Bradley and family visited his father, Vess Bradley, Saturday and Sunday. They will leave for Kenova Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Chaffin, who lives in Washington, passed through here Tuesday en route to Fallsburg.

R. B. Hutchinson is very sick with rheumatism.

Several of our boys attended the protracted meeting at Twin Branch Tuesday night.

Nobody's Darling.